



NEWSLETTER

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
CLIFTON STREET, LYTHAM, FY8 5EP
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Sunday 6th August 2023, The Transfiguration - Year 'A'
Parish Priest: Rev Peter D. Clarke - 01253 737037
Deacons: Rev Michael Harrison - 01253 730508, Rev David Pope 07950844747
& Rev William Riley (Retired)

Weekend 5th / 6th August, Sunday Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

Sat 5th 6pm St. Joseph's In Loving Memory of Bobby Kelly

Sun 6th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 6th 10:30am St. Peter's Harry and Emily Illingworth

Mon 7th 9am St. Peter's Robin Upton followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

Tue 8th August 10am St. Joseph's Alan Hesketh followed by *Exposition & Confessions*

Wed 9th 9am St. Peter's John Nolan

Thurs 10th 10am St. Joseph's Mary Sumner

Fri 11th 1pm St. Joseph's Nuptial Mass for Joseph & Anna

Weekend 12th / 13th August - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 12th 6pm St. Joseph's Intentions of the Delaney Family

Sun 13th 9:15am St. Joseph's People of the Parishes

Sun 13th 10:30am St. Peter's Maguire Family

Sacrament of Reconciliation with Exposition:

Monday 9:30-10am at St. Peter's. Tues: 10:30 - 11am at St. Joseph's
Confession is also available by arrangement with Fr. Peter. Tel: 737037.

The **Transfiguration of the Lord**: This is the feast when we get a glimpse of the glory of Christ - the glory that we are promised a share in.

1st & 2nd Readings: Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14; II P 1:16-19 - Daniel's vision in the first reading is full of a sense of the great majesty of the heavenly court with people of all languages and cultures being at the service of him who has eternal sovereignty and whose sway no evil can destroy.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 - The three disciples were overawed by the vision they saw. It remained very vivid in their minds for the rest of their lives. They took away this message: 'This is my beloved son, listen to him'. In the second reading Peter speaks of this experience.

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER: If you follow the weekday Mass readings with a Missal, you'll know that sometimes, taking us out of sequence of readings of the day (Monday in Ordinary Time Week 17, for example), we have individual readings for various Saints. Generally, we will stick to the readings of the Ordinary day, even though it may be an Memorial (optional or otherwise) of a Saint, and only change the Readings if it is a Feast or a Solemnity. Anyway, this week at Masses we will be using the ordinary sequence of daily readings, despite the fact that there is a saint to celebrate every day, except on Wednesday: Monday St. Cajetan, who did a lot in the Middle Ages in Italy to make sure the clergy were doing their jobs properly; Tuesday St. Dominic, the 12th Century founder of the Dominican Order; Thursday St. Lawrence, one of the early Deacons of the Church; and Friday St. Clare, cousin of St. Francis, the Patron Saint of Television (yes, television). Wednesday is a Feast, but only in Europe, not throughout the world, that of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, better known as Edith Stein, who became a Carmelite after reading the autobiography of St. Teresa of Avila, and who was gassed at Auschwitz on the 9th August 1942. On May 1, 1987, she was beatified by Pope John Paul II, and canonized on October 11, 1998, and is now celebrated as one of the Patrons of Europe. A busy week! If working out what to celebrate and how it seems very complicated, believe me, it is: and you should try the Divine Office, which as priest I promised to say every day - I actually have to have an App for my tablet which tells me what prayers I should be saying! *Incidentally, I tried my vocation as a monk, but subsequently discovered I was cloisterphobic. I'll get my coat. And my breviary.*

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Please continue to pray for: Jennie Antoine, Anne Jones, Graham Bentley, Fred & Mary Wylie, Anne Smith, Kath Hywel-Buckley, Joe Ainsworth, John Lavelle, Jean Bolton, Tony Bolton, Phoebe Rowlings, Patrick Gilligan, Michael Golowicz, Brian Craig, Greta Turner, Graham Smith, Catherine Gallagley, and all those in the Hospice, Hospital, Rest Homes & Convents. **May God give them His healing grace.**

'Thank You'

Collection Sunday 30th July : **£383.80.**

Further donations:

Good Shepherd Fund: **£10.00.**

Flower Garden: **£6.00.**

Many thanks to all who contributed.

Fr. Philip & Sr. Norbert have returned from their Pilgrimage to Lourdes, and we thank them for their prayers, as well as lighting candles, and placing our petitions at the Grotto.

ON MONDAY 7TH AUGUST

We remember 14 martyrs who were martyred at Lancaster on the hill above the Cathedral including - *St Edmund Arrowsmith S.J., St Ambrose Barlow OSB & Blessed James Bell, & John Finch, layman. Richard Hayhurst, Robert Nutter O.P., & Edward Thwing, Thurstan Hunt & Robert Middleton S.J., John Thules & Roger Wrenno, layman, plus Edward Bamber, John Woodcock O.F.M., & Thomas Whitaker.*

During the English Reformation a number of men were executed at Lancaster as a consequence of their Catholic faith.

Lancaster Martyrs' Memorial Stone: The executions were not carried out on the same spot, however, a memorial standing in the approximate vicinity of at least some of the executions was eventually erected in 1996 and blessed in front of a crowd of several hundred people. It is located on a hillside above the Cathedral looking towards a panorama of Morecambe Bay and the mountains of the Lake District.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency has commissioned the services of the Social Care Institute for Excellence (Scie) to review their Safeguarding policies and procedures. If you would like to take part in a survey, here is the link <https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim>
The deadline for completion of the survey is the 31st August 2023. Many thanks for your support. *Sharon Tipping. Safeguarding Coordinator. The Catholic Diocese of Lancaster.*

FANTASY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Subject to there being sufficient interest and to raise funds for good causes within our two parishes, we are hoping to organise a Fantasy Football League for the forthcoming football season.

You can enter as many teams as you like and the cost of entry will be £20 per team. The prizes would be determined by the number of entrants.

The Premier League Season starts on August 11th, and so that we can assess the amount of interest, if you would like to take part, please email Alison Croft on alison.croft@gmail.com as soon as possible.

**Responsorial Psalm for
The Transfiguration
and the response is:
"THE LORD IS KING,
MOST HIGH ABOVE ALL THE EARTH"**

**Sanctuary Lamp Bookings -
Red Lamps: "Special Intention - B"
& "Andy"**

Blue Lamp: "In Loving Memory of Mary Sumner"
To book, email Sue on info@stpeterslytham.co.uk (or speak to her). Suggested **minimum** donation - £5 each lamp.

**Rosary, Sermon & Benediction: Sunday
13th August at 3pm at St. Joseph's**

In honour of Our Blessed Mother Mary in preparation for the Feast of the Assumption.
Followed by Sherry & Cakes in the presbytery.

Please pray for all who have died recently - and those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:

James Lee Balmer, David Nolan, Helen May, Sister Hyacinth, Odette Wilcox, Gladys Booth, Eileen Salisbury, Vincent Thompson, Robert Barnes, Mary Tomlinson, Mary Horton, Nicholas Hampson, Catherine Higginbotham, Sister Antoinette, Tom Foulkes, Eileen Wall, Lucy Lewis,
May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

MONTH OF AUGUST:

The month of August is traditionally dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pius IX told us that **even at the start of her existence, her holiness was so great that "none greater under God can be thought of, and no one but God can comprehend it"**.

The Ukulele Orchestra of St. Joseph & St. Peter

A dozen or so people of all ages turned up to **learn the Ukulele together**. Come along and join us! No previous experience necessary. All ages welcome.

Just **turn up with a Ukulele this Monday at 7pm in the presbytery**. Drinks provided.

Piety Stall: Open each Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am. Offers selection of Daily & Sunday Missals, Rosary Beads, Medals, Greeting Cards, Crucifixes, Statues, Pictures, Children's Books, Prayer Books, etc.

Are you new to the Parish? If you are, St Peter's would like to warmly welcome you - please make yourself known to either - Father Peter, Deacon Michael or Deacon David.